

Joint BLM/USFS National Water Program Meeting Draft Agenda

Day 1

UFP/CWAP Update

- Future of this initiative
- Progress on shared Action Items
- FY 2002 funding

Watershed Delineation/Hydrography/Data Standards

- What progress is being made in these areas?
- What is the status of FGDC hydrologic unit boundary delineation standards and resolution of LLID vs. NHD issue?
- What is the USFS/BLM national policy on completing delineation of 6th code HUCs?
- What is each agency doing to develop data standards?

Watershed Assessment Process

- What is the current USFS and BLM national policy?
- What are the minimum standards needed to be considered a watershed assessment?
- Which methodologies/tools are now being used (HCA, EAWS, other)?
- How and whether the USFS/BLM will meet the UFP commitment to develop a consistent assessment approach among the Federal agencies.
- How are restoration priorities being developed, especially in shared watersheds?

Agenda – Day 2

Agency Breakout Sessions

What are your specific proposals for topics that you feel would be appropriate for a BLM or FS breakout session? This length of this session is to be determined, but could be up to a full day.

Agenda – Day 3

Water Quality

- BLM/USFS approach to management in watersheds with 303(d) listed water bodies (i.e., what are our policies, should we develop WQMP's/WQRP's, numeric load allocation for nonpoint sources vs. BMP's).
- What models and data are being used to develop load allocations on federal lands?
- What is the USFS/BLM policy on working with the states to develop TMDL's for nonpoint pollution ("lead, follow, or get out of the way"?)
- ESA and CWA integration (update on the FLPMA diversion issue; other recent legal developments (wetlands regs, lawsuits, etc.)
- USFS/BLM data collection programs and opportunities for joint inventory/assessment/monitoring
- Overview of the Forest Services NRIS Water Module and the OR/WA BLM's ARIMS (examples of data management systems currently under development).
- Where should the agencies be heading regarding data management? Are we using STORET or the States' databases?
- How are restoration priorities being developed, especially in shared watersheds?